

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
The Sail Sand Point Board Room
May 8, 2013 6 – 7:30 PM
FINAL & APPROVED

Attending: MPAC Members: Julianna Ross, Ed Bronsdon, Nancy Bolin, Peter Zimmerman, Aaron Hoard, Gail Chiarello, Morgan Collins, Tom Kelly, Diana Kincaid, Loren Hill, Rusty Williams, Lynn Ferguson, Colby Bradley (Solid Ground). Absent: Herb Curl.

Parks staff: Cheryl Fraser, Eric Friedli, Isabel Hamilton. Guests: Jenny Frankl (Department of Neighborhoods); James Brown, Jennifer Matapula, Karla Withrow (all of Magnuson Community Center); Jeff Reinhold and Caleb Tarleton (Sail Sand Point), Peggy Printz (Friends of Magnuson Park), Tracy Bennett (Waldorf Schools), Matt Erlichman (PORCH).

Chair Julianna Ross called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Announcements:

- Building 9 Update: The Chair is in close touch with Rep. Gerry Pollet. The WA Department of Commerce will delay its presentation at MPAC until after the legislative special session.
- Ed Bronsdon announced Outdoors for All had received a private \$150K,000 grant from the Wounded Warrior Project. This will be an opportunity to enrich the lives of many children and adults with disabilities, including the wounded warriors who have given so much for us all. Ed offered a celebratory toast by pouring cups of Martinelli's sparkling apple cider.
- Karla Withrow of Magnuson Community Center Advisory Council announced the upcoming Brettler Place Summer Camp.
- Julianna Ross announced that a SPACE is applying for one of eight low-watt FM radio stations the FCC will be awarding. The application is free but about \$2,800 is needed to employ both an engineer and an attorney to get it filled out correctly. The stations themselves cost from \$20K - \$30K. Approximately \$6 million in funding is available in our community for something like this, and the funders have been notified this opportunity is approaching. There is a wealth of programming opportunities just working from inside the park.

Approval of the April Minutes. The April Minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Lynn Ferguson announced that the Landmarks Review Board is proposing a two-tier review, one by the Landmarks Board for historically contributing buildings, and a lesser Administrative review with no public input, of the remaining existing buildings and new buildings, monuments and structures. Lynn has concerns and has been communicating with the Landmarks Board staff about including all major existing buildings, and all new buildings, monuments and structures (including permanent art installations), and significant changes to existing buildings, in a process that will have a public component. [June 10th Update: The Controls and Incentives and Design Guidelines are the last steps in the Landmark Designation process. There was a briefing last Wednesday for the board and the suggestion that they vote on the Controls and Incentives and Design Guidelines at their July 3rd meeting. The board had some questions. Julianna and I had some questions about the proposal as well.]

Navy Radiation Abatement Open House (Cheryl Fraser). Representatives from the Navy, the WA Department of Health, the WA Department of Ecology, and the Parks Department will hold a public meeting at The Mountaineers Building, Wednesday, May 29, to talk about the radiation remediation issue. Clean-up will cost \$9M and is scheduled to begin in June and be

completed by October. Radon gas sampling has been done in the community areas of Buildings 2 and 27 and no radon gas has been detected.

Brettler Place Summer Camp (Karla Withrow, James Brown, and Jennifer Matapula) The Magnuson Community Center is sponsoring an 8-week summer camp program for youth from Brettler Place, a housing development for formerly homeless families. There are three components to the program: A Rock the Park Junior Day Camp for 5-10 year-olds; a Rock the Park Senior Day Camp for 11-17 year-olds, and a high school apprenticeship program for 14-17 year olds who train to become counselors for the younger camp. They receive 30 hours of training and a \$599 stipend. Jennifer Matapula, a counselor from last year's program, spoke about the experience; it was "cool". This is a very popular program with more applicants than positions. So far \$5000 has been raised toward this program, but a total of \$20,000 is needed. Individual and organizational sponsors are sought.

International Bird Migration Day at Magnuson Park (Tom Kelly). The Magnuson Habitat Committee is sponsoring this in conjunction with Seattle Audubon. Tom passed out a flyer showing bird walks and wetlands tours scheduled for Saturday May 11th. He will lead a tour of the Promontory Point Restoration Areas at 12:30PM; Lynn Ferguson will be leading a bird walk at 11AM. Other tours and walks will be happening concurrently. It is necessary to pre-register for the wetlands walk and there will be a small fee.

Federal Western Fisheries Fence (Tom Kelly). The USGS Western Fisheries Research Center fence which had caused encroachment of approximately 0.4 acres of Park land since the 1990s is scheduled to be removed Thursday, May 9th. During the weeks before removal the Western Fisheries Research Center staff graciously allowed Park heavy equipment and materials access via normally restricted federal property and drives. That access allowed soil loosening and installation of a deep layer of wood chips which could not have been done as efficiently or as well after fence realignment. The Center is a good neighbor and this adds to several other significant instances of cooperation in which it has helped the Park. The natural resources section and heavy equipment crew of the Department of Parks and Recreation also deserve praise for arranging and implementing this proactive work which should advance vegetative restoration on the formerly very compact soil by decades

Off-the-cuff Enthusiasm (Ed Bronsdon): Ed noted that there were 23 people at the table on a warm and sunny Seattle evening, and that this was testament to how passionately people cared about Magnuson Park.

Building 11 Update (Cheryl Fraser, Eric Friedli): The good news is that the City has regained ownership of Building 11 and will take possession in August, when the remediation work is complete. At the moment the Building 11 LLC is making the shell and core improvements, to include: ADA; energy code upgrades; new windows; fire safety & sprinkler systems; electrical upgrades; and restrooms. Eric commented that Parks owed a hefty annual payment and filling the building with rent-paying tenants was critical. In addition to Waldorf Schools and PORCH, representatives of which were present, Eric said that Gymboree and Cascade Bicycle Club were also interested, and that Parks was still looking for a restaurant or coffee shop.

Tracy Bennett, Senior Administrator of the Waldorf High School, spoke personally. She has lived in Seattle for 30 years and has 5 children. She and her kids have been coming to Magnuson Park for lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, theatrical performances, and Arena Sports. She has been with Waldorf Schools for two years but has had a long career in the independent

school sector. Re the prospective Waldorf School tenancy: Waldorf is proposing to locate its high school at Building 11 which includes grades 9-12. The high school is a relatively recent addition to Waldorf Schools; it has been up and running for years and currently leases space from the Sacred Heart Church down near Seattle Center. There is a grade school located in Meadowbrook, and Waldorf is keen to locate its two schools closer to each other. The high school would have an expected enrollment of 75 students, with a total capacity of 100. Tuitions at Waldorf run around \$9000/year for the Moms/tots to kindergarten enrollees; about \$15,000 for grades 1-8, and \$20,000 for high schools. Of its \$4.5M operating budget, Waldorf Schools sets aside \$1M for financial aid to families; about 30% of the students in its programs are receiving financial assistance. Most students use public transportation; very few are driven to school in private automobiles. Other Waldorf schools include Bright Waters on Capitol Hill, and Three Cedars in Bellevue. There may be adult education programming offered during the summer. Waldorf would expect to open its high school in Building 11 in the fall of 2014.

Matt Erlichmann (PORCH) grew up in Shoreline and attended Stanford for a year before dropping out to form a software company, "Camp Register," which allowed summer camps to track students and activities. This proved extremely successful and was followed by 'Active Network.' PORCH is a new venture, similar to Angie's List, in which users rate home improvement professionals such as architects, interior decorators, and contractors. PORCH has raised \$6.25M in investment capital and anticipates an initial staff of 12-15 occupying the second floor of the northern part of Building 11. Matt and his wife, Allyson, are currently renting in View Ridge while they finish building their house in Windermere. Ed Bronsdon alerted PORCH to the six-month lead time needed to get high-speed connectivity from Comcast.

Gail Chiarello moved that, with regards to the tenancies in Building 11, Magnuson Park Advisory Committee write the Superintendent, urging him to give extra consideration to Sail Sand Point. Sail Sand Point, with its low-cost, non-motorized boating programs for children and adults, and emphasis on building community, is exactly the type of organization envisioned for the North Shore Recreation Area. Sail Sand Point also has longevity with Building 11. It has occupied the building since 1998 and is the sole remaining tenant of all the original tenants. Magnuson Park Advisory Committee recognizes the unique value that Sail Sand Point brings to the North Shore, is grateful to it for fighting to retain the original vision of the North Shore Recreation Area, and urges the Superintendent to give Sail Sand Point extra consideration in its development of the lease. With cooperation and support, Sail Sand Point is poised to become a bright shining gem of community boating activity in Magnuson Park. The motion was seconded by Nancy Bolin, and passed unanimously.

Other announcements: Ed Bronsdon announced a free Block Party to be held Thursday night, June 27, 2013. There will be refreshments, food, and a barbeque. Last year over 300 people attended.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Chiarello
Secretary

May 8, 2013

Christopher Williams
Acting Superintendent of Parks & Recreation
100 Dexter Avenue North
Seattle, WA 98109

Dear Superintendent Williams,

With regards to the tenancies in Building 11, Magnuson Park Advisory Committee urges you to give extra consideration to Sail Sand Point. Sail Sand Point, with its low-cost, non-motorized boating programs for children and adults, and emphasis on affordability and building community, is exactly the type of organization envisioned for the North Shore Recreation Area.

Sail Sand Point also has longevity with Building 11. It has occupied the building since 1998—for fifteen years. It is the sole remaining tenant of all the original tenants.

It has spilled blood in the two-year struggle over Building 11. Staff and Board members endured months of uncertainties and confusion and paid legal bills out of their own pockets because of the lawsuit which settled only two and a half months ago. During the year-plus that the lawsuit dragged on, there was almost a total black-out on information. It was not easy to run a sailing program—or any program—under these circumstances, but Sail Sand Point persevered.

Thus Magnuson Park Advisory Committee recognizes the unique value that Sail Sand Point brings to the North Shore, is grateful to it for fighting to retain the original vision of the North Shore Recreation Area, and urges the Superintendent to give Sail Sand Point extra consideration in its development of the lease. With cooperation and support, Sail Sand Point is poised to become a bright shining gem of community boating activity in Magnuson Park.

A motion to this effect passed unanimously at our May 8, 2013 MPAC meeting.

Sincerely,

Julianna Ross
Chair, Magnuson Park Advisory Committee